

Introduction to NERSC Resources



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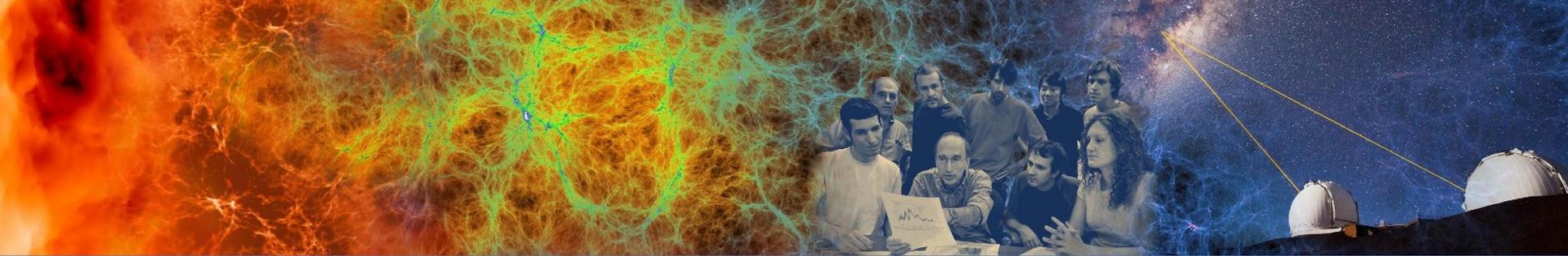
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NERSC User Engagement Group

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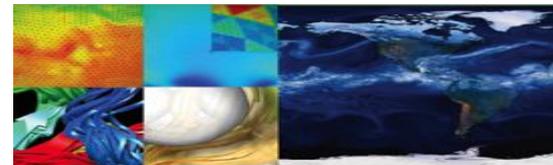
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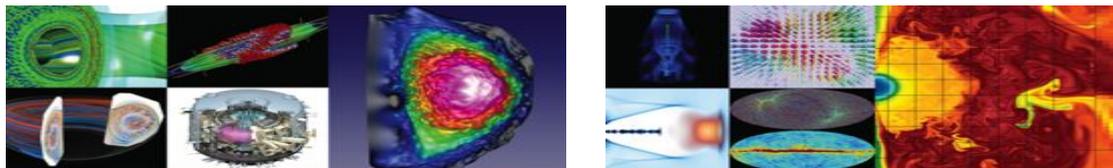
NERSC and Systems Overview

NERSC is the Mission HPC Computing Center for the DOE Office of Science

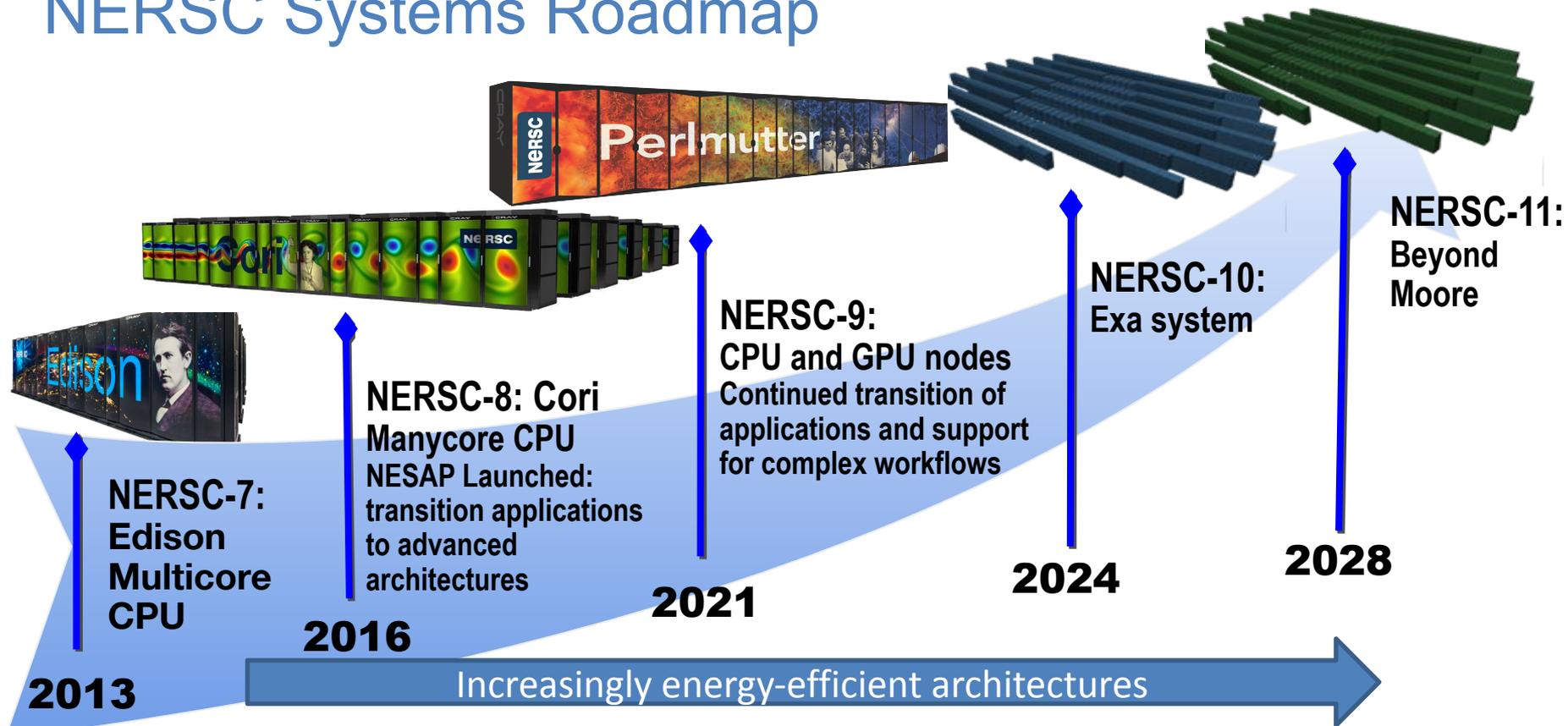
- NERSC deploys advanced HPC and data systems for the broad Office of Science community
- NERSC staff provide advanced application and system performance expertise to users
- Approximately 8,000 users and 800 projects
- Over 2,000 publications cite using NERSC resources per year
- Founded in 1974, focused on open science
- Division of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory



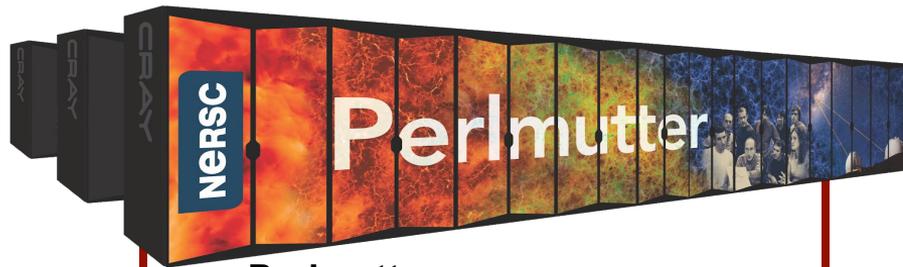
ASCR	Advanced Scientific Computing Research
BER	Biological & Environmental Research
BES	Basic Energy Sciences
FES	Fusion Energy Sciences
HEP	High Energy Physics
NP	Nuclear Physics
SBIR	Small Business Innovation Research



NERSC Systems Roadmap



NERSC Systems



Perlmutter

1,536 NVIDIA A100 accelerated nodes
 4 A100 GPUs & 1 AMD 'Milan' CPU per node
 384 TB (CPU) + 240 TB (GPU) memory
 HPE Cray Slingshot high speed interconnect
 World's 7th most powerful supercomputer
 140 PF Peak
 Pre-production system

5 TB/s

 35 PB Scratch



Cori

9,600 Intel Xeon Phi "KNL" manycore nodes
 2,000 Intel Xeon "Haswell" nodes
 700,000 processor cores, 1.2 PB memory
 Cray XC40 / Aries Dragonfly interconnect
 30 PF Peak

1.5 TB/s

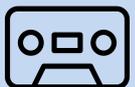
 2 PB Burst Buffer

700 GB/s

 28 PB Scratch

50 GB/s

HPSS Tape Archive
 ~200 PB



DTNs, Spin, Gateways



2 x 100 Gb/s SDN

Ethernet & IB Fabric
 Science Friendly Security
 Production Monitoring
 Power Efficiency
LAN

100 GB/s

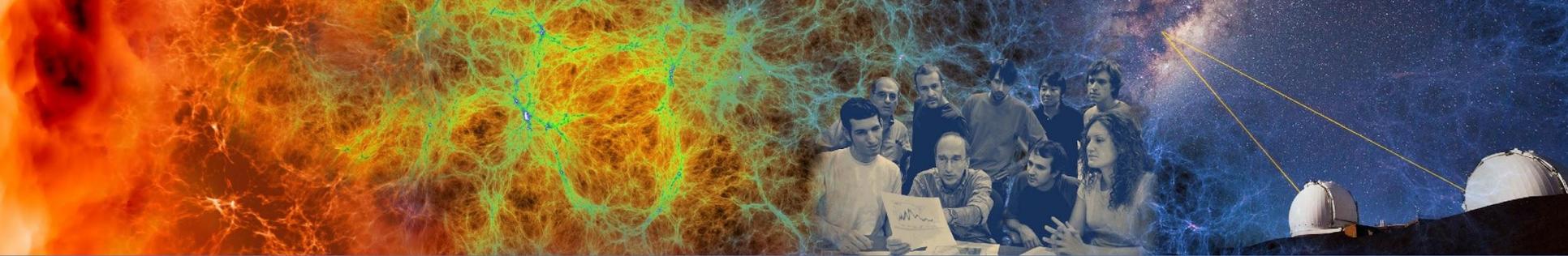


120 PB Common File System

5 GB/s



275 TB /home



NERSC Online Resources

Classic NERSC Page

- <https://www.nersc.gov>
- Science, News, Publications
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- Live Status (MOTD)
<https://www.nersc.gov/live-status/motd/>
- NUG (and Slack)
- Training Events
<https://www.nersc.gov/users/training/events/>



The screenshot shows the NERSC website's 'Training Events' page. The URL is [nersc.gov/users/training/events/](https://www.nersc.gov/users/training/events/). The page features a navigation menu with 'FOR USERS' selected. A sidebar on the left lists various training events, with 'Training Events' highlighted. The main content area displays 'NERSC TRAINING EVENTS' and lists several events with their dates and descriptions. A red circle highlights the event 'Crash Course in Supercomputing, June 14, 2022'.

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NERSC TRAINING EVENTS

See also the [NERSC Events Calendar](#).

E4S at NERSC 2022, Aug 25, 2022 »

August 25, 2022
IntroductionNERSC and ECP Training is co-hosting a one-day E4S at NERSC training event on Aug 25th, 2022. This session will provide users with an overview of E4S and how one can use the E4S stack at NERSC. We will have a hands-on component where one will learn how to deploy their own software stack using spack along with E4S tutorial. There will be numerous talk from ECP leadership on the different focus efforts pertaining to E4S and how it aligns with the ECP project. This session will be... [Read More »](#)

Profiling Deep Learning Applications with NVIDIA Nsight, June 30, 2022 »

IntroductionThis webinar presented by Daniel Horowitz and Tod Courtney from Nvidia is part of the ALCF Developer Sessions, and is also open to NERSC users. Date and Time: 9:00 am - 10:00 am (Pacific Time), June 30 (Thursday) AbstractThis talk will introduce performance analysis techniques for deep learning applications using the NVIDIA Nsight Systems profiling tool to peek under the covers. We will cover how to collect performance information for the neural network layers to relate GPU work... [Read More »](#)

SpinUp Workshop: Jun 2022 »

Spin is a container-based platform at NERSC designed for you to deploy your own science gateways, workflow managers, databases, API endpoints, and other network services to support your scientific projects. Services in Spin are built with Docker containers and can easily access NERSC systems and storage. Introduction and more information about spin can be found here.Users must apply for and complete the SpinUp instructional workshop to gain access to Spin. See this for more information... [Read More »](#)

Crash Course in Supercomputing, June 14, 2022 »

Date and Time: 12:30 pm - 5 pm (Pacific Time), Tuesday, June 14, 2022 This training is part of the 2022 Berkeley Lab Computing & Sciences Summer Student Program. It is also open to NERSC, ALCF, and ALCF users. In this course, students will learn to write parallel programs that can be run on a supercomputer. We begin by discussing the concepts of parallelization before introducing MPI and OpenMP, the two leading parallel programming libraries. Finally, the students will put together all the... [Read More »](#)

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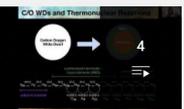
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<https://www.youtube.com/c/NERSC Training-HPC>

Training sessions and other NERSC events presentations are archived on youtube, with professional captions



User Slack; User Appointments

 **Lincoln Bryant** Today at 10:11 AM
hi folks. I'm trying to figure out what filesystems are attached to perlmutter and also accessible via Globus. On Cori we used `/global/cscratch1` for our job input/output via the NERSC Cori globus endpoint. Can anyone point me to the equivalent for Perlmutter? Maybe I missed something blindingly obvious in the docs..

2 replies

 **Wileam Phan (LBNL)** 5 minutes ago
Use the `$PSCRATCH` environment variable, according to <https://docs.nersc.gov/filesystems/perlmutter-scratch/>
 docs.nersc.gov
[Perlmutter scratch - NERSC Documentation](#)
NERSC Documentation



 **Jean Sexton** 2 minutes ago
I have not yet seen pscratch accessible from globus, some people use the CFS project directories, since those are visible from `cori/dtn/globus/perlmutter`
<https://docs.nersc.gov/systems/perlmutter/#transferring-data-to-from-perlmutter-scratch>
 docs.nersc.gov
[Using Perlmutter - NERSC Documentation](#)
NERSC Documentation

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<https://www.nersc.gov/users/NUG/>

<https://docs.nersc.gov/getting-started/#appointments-with-nersc-user-support-staff>



1 Choose Appointment

GPU Basics (30 minutes)

KNL Optimization (30 minutes)

Cori File Systems (30 minutes)

Using GPUs in Python (30 minutes)

Containers (30 minutes)

NERSC 101 (30 minutes)

Checkpoint/Restart jobs with MANA (30 minutes)

Spin (30 minutes)

Apprenta Codee (30 minutes)



NERSC Docs

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Technical Documentations

<https://docs.nersc.gov>

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<https://docs.nersc.gov/getting-started/>

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- Connecting
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- Applications
- Analytics
- Machine Learning

Welcome to NERSC

Welcome to the National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC)!

About this page

This document will guide you through the basics of using NERSC's supercomputers, storage systems, and services.

Tip

Be sure to check out the slides and video recordings from the New User Training [here](#).

What is NERSC?

NERSC provides High Performance Computing and Storage facilities and support for research sponsored by, and of interest to, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOES) Office of Science (SC). NERSC has the unique programmatic role of supporting all six Office of Science program offices: Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Basic Energy Sciences, Biological and Environmental Research, Fusion Energy Sciences, High Energy Physics, and Nuclear Physics.

Scientists who have been awarded research funding by any of the offices are eligible to apply for an allocation of NERSC time. Additional awards may be given to non-DOE funded project teams whose research is aligned with the Office of

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- Debugging and Profiling
- Data Ecosystem
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- Security and Data Integrity

Tree View of NERSC Docs Topics

<https://gitlab.com/NERSC/neresc.gitlab.io/-/blob/main/mkdocs.yml>

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IRIS

- IRIS: NERSC Account Management and Reporting:

<https://iris.nersc.gov>

- Account info
- Change password
- Change contact info
- SSH Keys, MFA
- Check usage info

The screenshot shows the IRIS web interface for user Helen Yun. The top navigation bar includes 'Projects', 'Reports', and 'Tools'. The user's name 'He, Yun (Helen)' is displayed, along with tabs for 'Compute', 'Jobs', 'Storage', 'Roles', 'Groups', 'MFA', 'Profile', and 'History'. A search bar for users and projects is present. Below the navigation is a table of projects with columns for Project, Default, Charged Hours, Machine Hours, Node Hours, Avg CF, Remaining, % Remaining, Allocated Hours, Allocation % of Project, and Last Updated. The 'nstaff' project is selected. Below the table is a pagination control showing 'Page 1 of 1' and '10 rows'. A search bar for the table is also visible. Below the table is a section for QOS (Quality of Service) with a table of QOS entries and a '+ New QOS' button.

Project	Default	Charged Hours	Machine Hours	Node Hours	Avg CF	Remaining	% Remaining	Allocated Hours	Allocation % of Project	Last Updated
e3sm	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	1.0	1,000,000	100.0%	1,000,000		2020-06-10 ...
m1759	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0.0	500,000	N/A		10	2020-06-10 ...
m3502	<input type="checkbox"/>	174	288	116	0.5	1,978,094	N/A		100	2020-06-10 ...
nintern	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,274	13	16	1.0	1,989,690	N/A		100	2020-06-10 ...
nstaff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10,627	10,802	129	0.7	7,989,373	N/A		10	2020-06-10 ...

QOS	Project	Description	Attributes	Status	Actions
gpu	m3502			Active	Edit Delete
realtime	nstaff	Project gets priority boo...		Active	Edit Delete
realtime	nstaff	Giving project increase...		Active	Edit Delete
gpu	nstaff			Active	Edit Delete



Help Portal

<https://help.nersc.gov>

- Submit tickets (ask questions)
- Request forms:
 - Quota Increase
 - Reservations, ...
- Allocation (ERCAP) Requests

Open a ticket

All my tickets

My project's
open tickets

The screenshot shows the NERSC Support portal interface. The browser address bar displays 'nersc.servicenowservices.com'. The page title is 'NERSC Support'. The breadcrumb navigation shows 'Service Catalog > Request Forms > Open a Ticket'. The left sidebar contains a 'Filter navigator' and a list of menu items: 'NERSC Help Desk', 'Home', 'Request Forms', 'Open a Ticket', 'Unresolved Tickets', 'All My Tickets', 'Visual Task Boards', 'My Projects' Open Tickets', 'Watched Incidents', 'My Profile', and 'My Knowledge Articles'. The main content area is a form titled 'Open a Ticket' with the following fields: 'Subject' (required), 'Please describe your issue or question below' (required), 'Type of issue' (dropdown menu, currently set to '-- None --'), and 'Impact' (dropdown menu, currently set to '-- None --'). Below these fields is a section for 'Share with NERSC Projects' with 'Available' and 'Selected' search boxes. At the bottom of the form, there are two dropdown menus for user selection, with the first one showing 'abex', 'acme', and 'admin' as options.

MyNERSC

<https://my.nersc.gov>

- Dashboard
- Jobs
- Center Status
- File Browser
- Service Tickets
- Data Dashboard
- Jupyter Hub
- Links to other useful pages

The screenshot shows the MyNERSC dashboard interface. The browser address bar is my.nersc.gov. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, Jobs (with sub-links for Jobscript Generator, Completed Jobs, Cori Queues, and Queue Backlog), Center Status, File Browser, Service Tickets, Data Dashboard, PI Toolbox, Jupyter Hub, NERSC Homepage, Documentation Portal, and Accounts Portal.

The main content area is titled "Dashboard" and is divided into three columns:

- My Personal Disk Usage:** Shows two bar charts. "HOME" is at 40 GB of 40 GB (red bar). "CSCRATCH" is at 2 GB of 20,970 GB (green bar).
- My Active Jobs:** Displays "No Active Jobs".
- My Completed Jobs:** A table with the following data:

Job ID	Host	Completion Time	Wall Hours	CPU Hours
59560214	Cori	05/27/22 15:55	0.103	0.10
59560211	Cori	05/27/22 15:49	0.004	0.00
59176950	Cori	05/18/22 19:23	0.076	0.08
59176882	Cori	05/18/22 19:14	0.079	0.08

The right sidebar is titled "System Status" and lists the following components:

- Compute Systems:** Cori (Up), Perlmutter (Up).
- Global Filesystems:** Community File System (CFS) (Up), DNA (Up), Data Transfer Nodes (Up), Global Common (Up), Global Homes (Up).
- Mass Storage Systems:** (No items listed).

<https://my.nersc.gov> Leads You to All Sites

help.nersc.gov

jupyter.nersc.gov

www.nersc.gov

docs.nersc.gov

iris.nersc.gov

The screenshot shows the MyNERSC dashboard with the following sections:

- My Personal Disk Usage:** A bar chart showing space and inodes used for HOME (28 GB of 40 GB) and CSCRATCH (115 GB of 20,971 GB).
- System Status:** A list of system components with their status: Cori (Up), Community File System (CFS) (Up), DNA (Up), Global Common (Up), Global Homes (Up), ProjectB (Up), and SeqFS (Up).
- My Active Jobs:** A section indicating "No Active Jobs".
- My Completed Jobs:** A table listing completed jobs with columns for Job ID, Host, Completion Time, Wall Hours, and CPU Hours.

Job ID	Host	Completion Time	Wall Hours	CPU Hours
31190515	Cori	05/27/20 22:02	0.007	0.01
31190510	Cori	05/27/20 22:01	0.008	0.01
31190507	Cori	05/27/20 22:01	0.009	0.01

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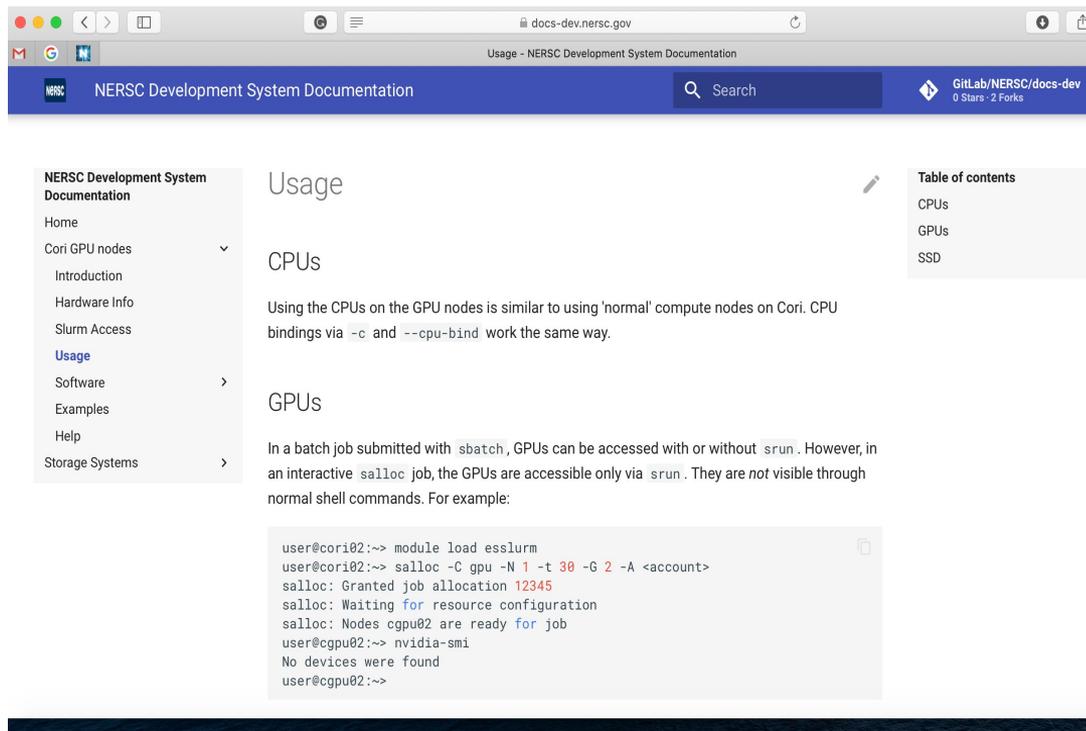
is cori up?

my jobs

Cori GPU Documentation

<https://docs-dev.nersc.gov>

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the NERSC Development System Documentation page for GPU usage. The page title is "Usage" and the breadcrumb is "Usage - NERSC Development System Documentation". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with "NERSC Development System Documentation" at the top, followed by "Home", "Cori GPU nodes" (expanded), "Introduction", "Hardware Info", "Slurm Access", "Usage" (highlighted), "Software", "Examples", "Help", and "Storage Systems". The main content area is titled "Usage" and contains the following text:

Using the CPUs on the GPU nodes is similar to using 'normal' compute nodes on Cori. CPU bindings via `-c` and `--cpu-bind` work the same way.

GPUs

In a batch job submitted with `sbatch`, GPUs can be accessed with or without `srun`. However, in an interactive `salloc` job, the GPUs are accessible only via `srun`. They are *not* visible through normal shell commands. For example:

```
user@cori02:~> module load esslurm
user@cori02:~> salloc -C gpu -N 1 -t 30 -G 2 -A <account>
salloc: Granted job allocation 12345
salloc: Waiting for resource configuration
salloc: Nodes cgpu02 are ready for job
user@cgpu02:~> nvidia-smi
No devices were found
user@cgpu02:~>
```

On the right side of the page, there is a "Table of contents" sidebar with links to "CPUs", "GPUs", and "SSD".

Perlmutter Documentation

<https://docs.nersc.gov/systems/perlmutter>

Using Perlmutter

- Static compilation isn't officially supported by NERSC, but we have outlined some instructions under the [static compilation section](#) in the compiler wrappers documentation page.
- MPI/mpi4py users may notice a [m1x5 error](#) that stems from spawning forks within an MPI rank, which is considered undefined/unsupported behavior.
- PrgEnv-gnu users when using a GPU enabled code (gcc and nvcc) you might have to load a compatible gcc version for the respective `cuda-toolkit` installation. Please see our [gcc compatibility section](#) for additional details.
- Users may notice MKL-based CPU code runs more slowly. Please try `module load fast-mkl-amd`.

Preparing for Perlmutter

Please check the [Transitioning Applications to Perlmutter](#) webpage for a wealth of useful information on how to transition your applications for Perlmutter.

Compiling/Building Software

You can find information below on how to compile your code on Perlmutter:

Programming Environment & Cray Wrappers

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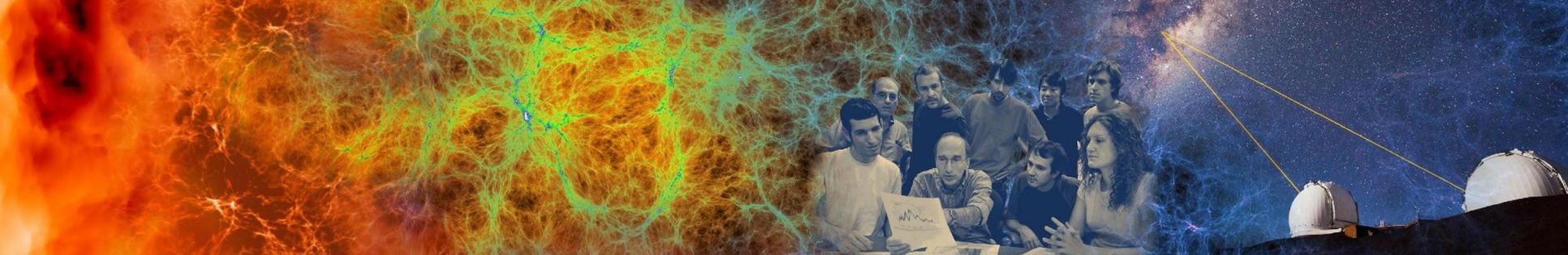
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 - Compiling CPU applications on the system



Selected Perlmutter Training Events

<https://www.nersc.gov/users/training/events/>

- [Using Perlmutter](#), Jan 2022
- [Nvidia HPC SDK](#), Jan 2022
- [Nvidia Performance Tools](#), Feb 2022
- [Codee Training](#), Apr 2022
- [Coding for GPUs with Standard C++](#), Apr 2022
- [Coding for GPUs with Standard Fortran](#), May 2022
- [Programming with SYCL](#), Mar 2022
- [LLVM/OpenMP Ecosystem](#), May 2022
- [OpenMP Offload](#), Sept 2021
- [3-part OpenACC training series](#), Apr-Jun, 2020
- [9-part CUDA training series](#), Jan 2020 - Sept 2021
- [GPU for Science](#), Jul 2020
- [Data Analytics in Python on GPUs with NVIDIA RAPIDS](#), Apr 2020



Connecting to NERSC

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and sshproxy

- NERSC password + OTP ("One-Time Password")
 - OTP obtained via the "Google Authenticator" app on your smartphone
 - Alternative/backup option: Authy on desktop <https://authy.com/>
- MFA is used in login to NERSC systems, web sites, and services
 - Setup MFA <https://docs.nersc.gov/connect/mfa/>
- [sshproxy.sh](#) creates a short-term certificate
 - Run [sshproxy.sh](#) once, then you can ssh to NERSC systems for the next 24 hours before being asked for password+OTP again
 - <https://docs.nersc.gov/connect/mfa/#sshproxy>

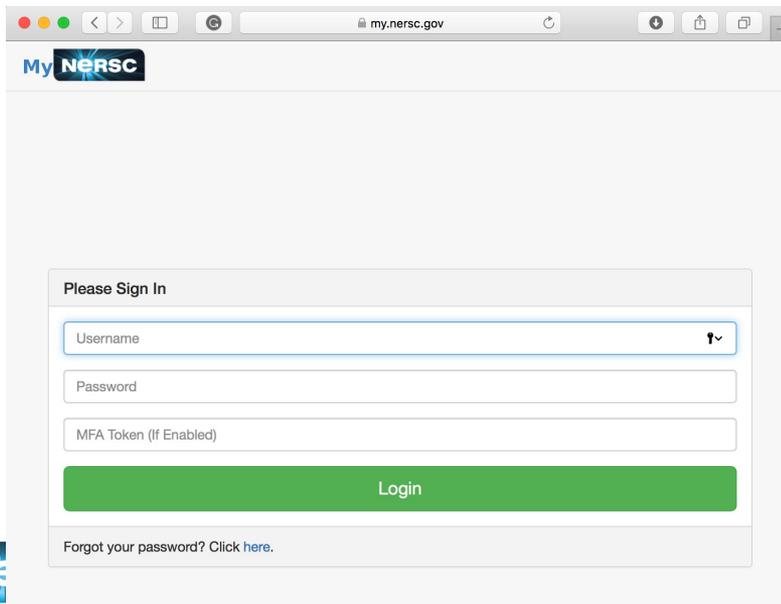
SSH and MFA Examples

```
<laptop>$ ssh elvis@cori.nersc.gov
```

...

Login connection to host cori01 :

Password + OTP:



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL my.nersc.gov. The page features the MyNERSC logo at the top left. Below the logo is a 'Please Sign In' section containing three input fields: 'Username', 'Password', and 'MFA Token (if Enabled)'. A green 'Login' button is positioned below these fields. At the bottom of the sign-in section, there is a link for 'Forgot your password? Click here.'

You will login to one of the login nodes (12 on Cori).

To allow X-forwarding to access visualization programs, use the “-Y” flag:

```
localhost% ssh -Y elvis@ cori.nersc.gov
```

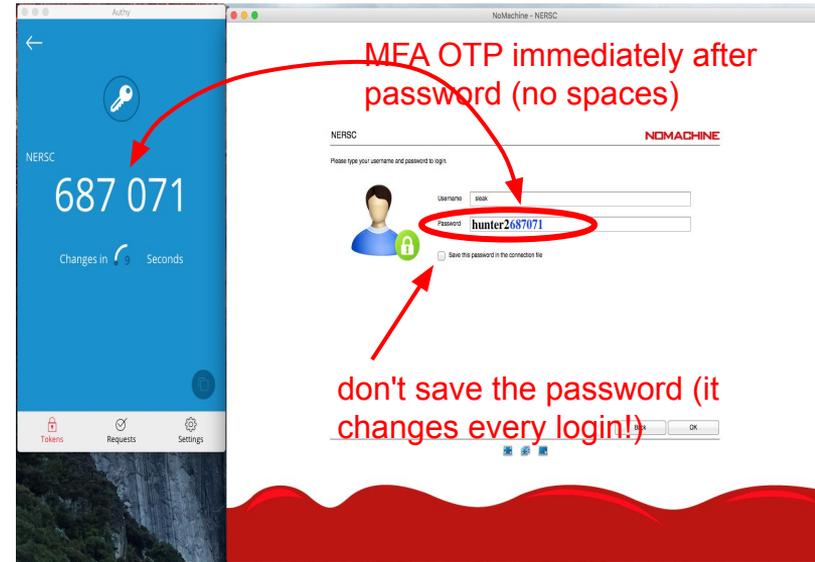
```
e/elvis> module load matlab
```

```
e/elvis> matlab
```

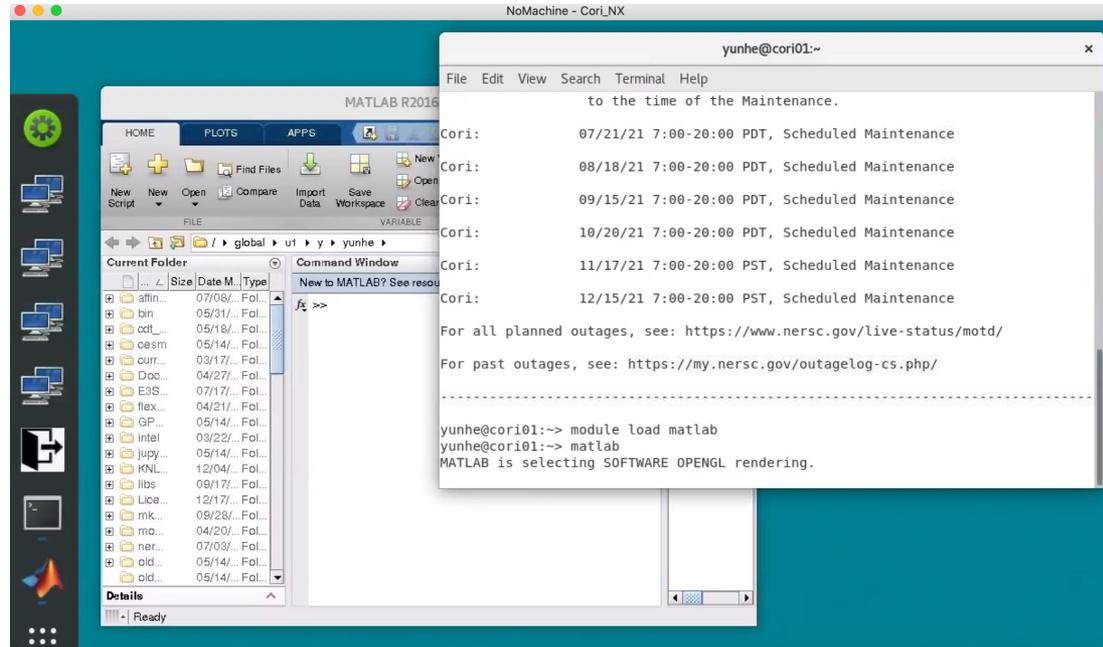
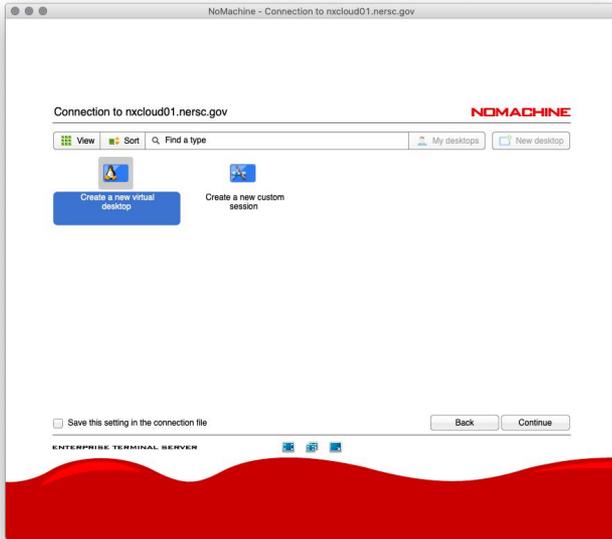
```
<MATLAB starts up>
```

Connecting to NERSC: NX

- NERSC recommends using NX instead of SSH X-forwarding since NX is faster and more reliable
- NX is a service for Accelerated X
- NX also has the benefit of long lasting terminal sessions that can survive between lost internet connections
 - Can reconnect later, even from a different location or computer
- Download and install the **Client** software: NoMachine
 - <https://docs.nersc.gov/connect/nx>
 - Works on Window/Mac/Linux



NoMachine



Terminal in Jupyter

You can access Cori from any web browser, via <https://jupyter.nersc.gov>



Sign in

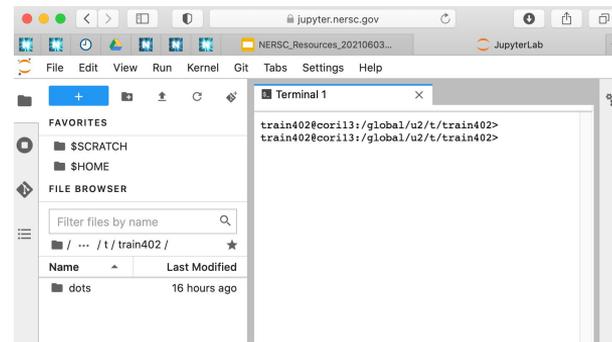
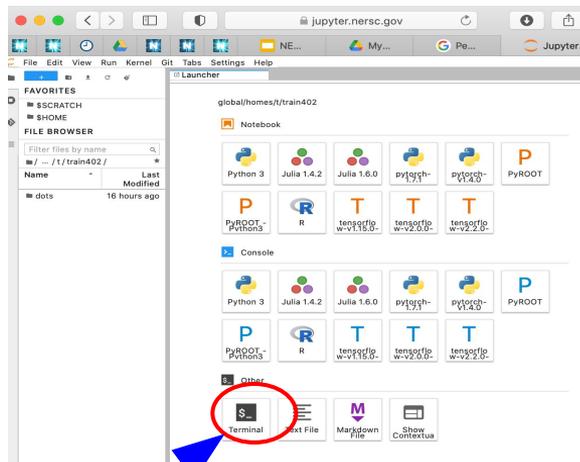
Username:
train402

Password:
[REDACTED]

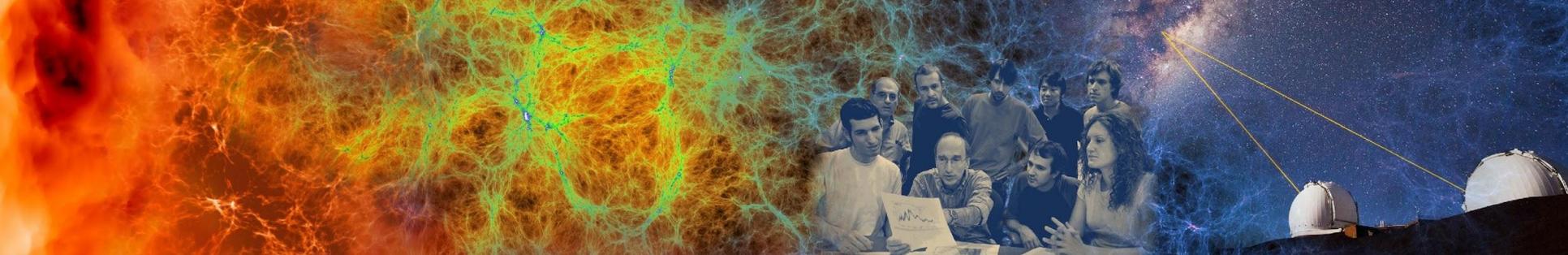
OTP:
[REDACTED]

Sign In

[Forgot password?](#) | [Forgot username?](#) | [MFA not working?](#)

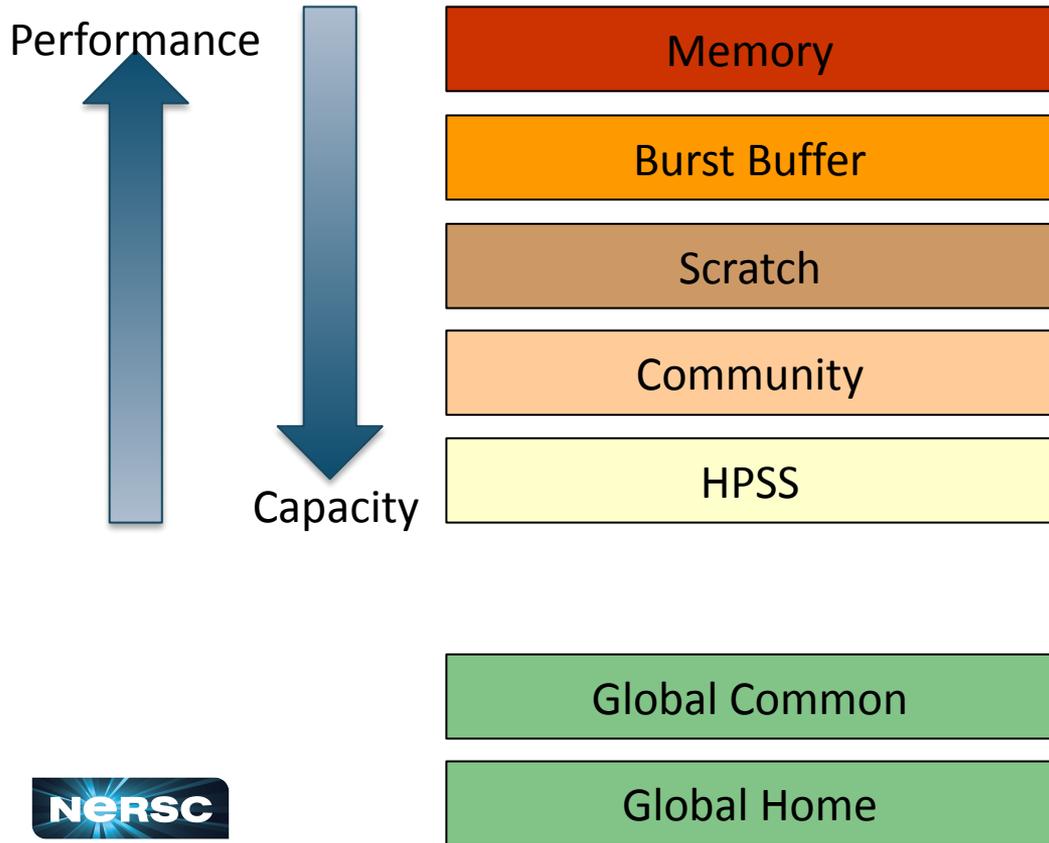


Terminal



File Systems and Data Management / Transfer

Simplified NERSC File Systems



35 PB (Perlmutter) Flash Scratch

Lustre >5 TB/s
temporarily (purge)

1.8 PB SSD Burst Buffer on Cori

Cray Datawarp 1.8 TB/s,
temporary for job or campaign

28 PB (Cori) HDD Scratch

Lustre 700 GB/s,
temporary (12 wk purge)

157 PB HDD Community

Spectrum Scale (GPFS)
150 GB/s, permanent

150 PB Tape Archive

HPSS Forever

20 TB SSD Software

Spectrum Scale
Permanent

Faster compiling / Source Code

Global File Systems

Global Home

- Permanent, relatively small storage
- Mounted on all platforms
- NOT tuned to perform well for parallel jobs
- Quota cannot be changed
- Snapshot backups (7-day history)
- **Perfect for storing data such as source code, shell scripts**

Community File System (CFS)

- Permanent, larger storage
- Mounted on all platforms
- Medium performance for parallel jobs
- Quota can be changed
- Snapshot backups (7-day history)
- **Perfect for sharing data within research group**

Local File Systems

Scratch

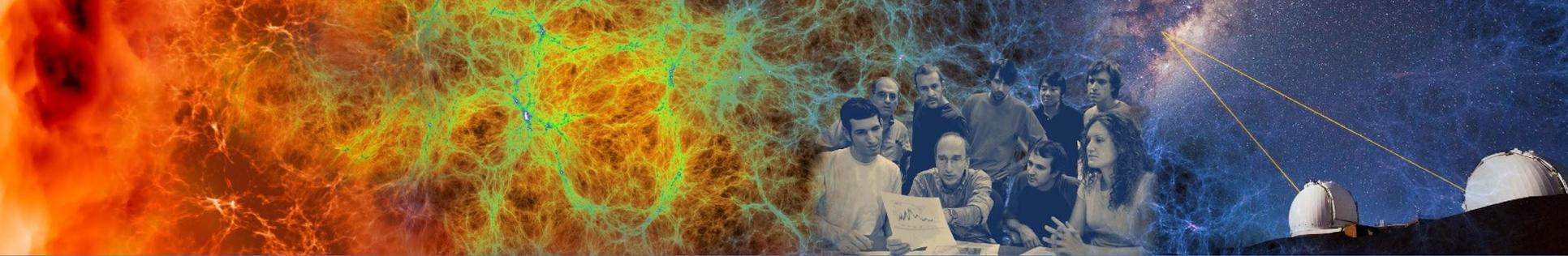
- Large, temporary storage
- Optimized for read/write operations, NOT storage
- Not backed up
- Purge policy (12 weeks)
- **Perfect for staging data and performing computations**

Burst Buffer

- Temporary storage
- High-performance SSD file system
- **Perfect for getting good performance in I/O-constrained codes**
- (Support is reduced)

HPSS: Long Term Storage System

- High-Performance Storage System
- Archival storage of infrequently accessed data
- Use **hsi** and **htar** to put/get files between NERSC computational systems and HPSS
- <https://docs.nersc.gov/filesystems/archive/>



Software Environment and Building Applications

Software

- Cray supercomputers OS is a version of Linux
- Compilers are provided on machines
- Libraries: many libraries provided by vendor and by NERSC
- Applications: NERSC compiles and supports many software packages (such as chemistry and materials sciences packages) for our users
- DOE Extreme-scale Scientific Software Stack (E4S): open-source projects, including xSDK, dev-tools, math-libraries, compilers, and more

Modules Environment

- Modules are used to manage the user environment
 - <https://docs.nersc.gov/environment/#nersc-modules-environment>

module	
list	To list the modules in your environment
avail	To list available modules To see all available modules: % module avail
avail -S	To see all available <i>netcdf</i> modules: % module avail -S netcdf
load/unload	To load or unload module
show/display	To see what a module loads
whatis	Display the module file information
swap/switch	To swap two modules For example: to swap architecture target from Haswell to KNL % module swap craype-haswell craype-mic-kl
help	General help: \$module help Information about a module: \$ module help PrgEnv-cray

Default Loaded Modules

```
yunhe@cori08:~> module list
```

```
Currently Loaded Modulefiles:
```

- 1) modules/3.2.11.4
- 2) darshan/3.3.1
- 3) craype-network-aries
- 4) intel/19.1.2.254
- 5) craype/2.7.10
- 6) cray-libsci/20.09.1
- 7) udreg/2.3.2-7.0.3.1_3.16__g5f0d670.ari
- 8) ugni/6.0.14.0-7.0.3.1_6.4__g8101a58.ari
- 9) pmi/5.0.17
- 10) dmapp/7.1.1-7.0.3.1_3.21__g93a7e9f.ari
- 11) gni-headers/5.0.12.0-7.0.3.1_3.9__gd0d73fe.ari
- 12) xpmem/2.2.27-7.0.3.1_3.10__gada73ac.ari
- 13) job/2.2.4-7.0.3.1_3.17__g36b56f4.ari
- 14) dvs/2.12_2.2.224-7.0.3.1_3.14__gc77db2af
- 15) alps/6.6.67-7.0.3.1_3.21__gb91cd181.ari
- 16) rca/2.2.20-7.0.3.1_3.18__g8e3fb5b.ari
- 17) atp/3.14.9
- 18) perftools-base/21.12.0
- 19) PrgEnv-intel/6.0.10
- 20) craype-haswell
- 21) cray-mpich/7.7.19
- 22) craype-hugepages2M

4) Compiler 6) Cray Scientific Libraries
19) Programing Environment
20) Target architecture Driver 21) MPI Libraries

Cori uses Tcl module
Perlmutter uses LMOD

Cross-Compile is Needed

- Cori: Haswell compute nodes and KNL compute nodes
- All Cori login nodes are Haswell nodes
- **We need to cross-compile**
 - Directly compile on KNL compute nodes is very slow
 - Compile on login nodes; Executables run on compute nodes
- Recommend to build separate binaries for each architecture (Cori Haswell, Cori KNL, Perlmutter CPU, Perlmutter GPU) to take advantage of optimizations unique to processor type
 - Haswell binaries do run on KNL
 - All other binaries are not compatible among each other

Software Environment

- Available compilers: Intel, GNU, Cray
- Use compiler wrappers to build. It calls native compilers for each compiler (such as ifort, mpiicc, etc.) underneath.
 - Do not use native compilers directly.
 - ftn for Fortran codes: **ftn my_code.F90**
 - cc for C codes: **cc my_code.c**
 - CC for C++ codes: **CC my_code.cc**
- Compiler wrappers add header files and link in MPI and other loaded Cray libraries by default
 - Builds applications dynamically by default. Can add “-static” to build statically if chosen

Building Simple Test Program (1)

- To build on Cori Haswell:
 - Using default Intel compiler:
`ftn -o mytest mytest_code.F90`
 - Using Cray compiler:
`module swap PrgEnv-intel PrgEnv-cray`
`ftn -o mytest mytest_code.F90`

Building Simple Test Program (2)

- To build on Cori KNL
 - Using default Intel compiler

```
module swap craype-haswell craype-mic-kenl
cc -o mytest mytest_code.c
```
 - Using Cray compiler

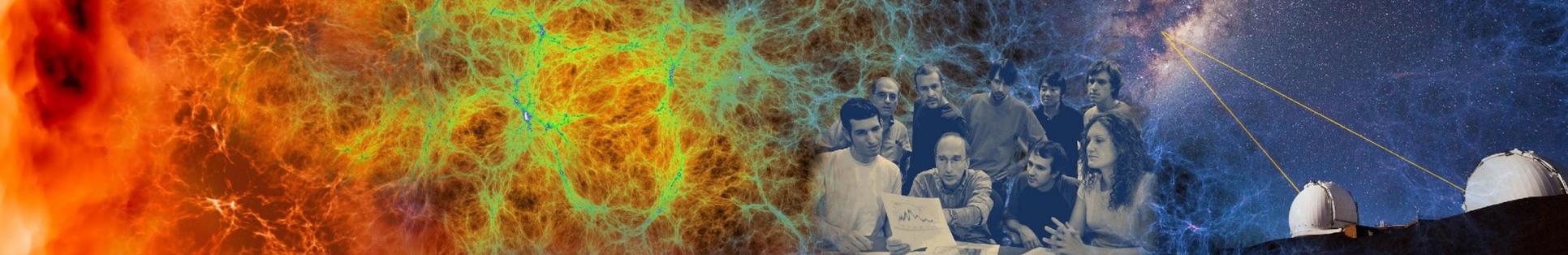
```
module swap PrgEnv-intel PrgEnv-cray
module swap craype-haswell craype-mic-kenl
cc -o mytest mytest_code.c
```

Building Applications on Perlmutter

- User environment and instructions are still evolving
- Building for Perlmutter CPU similar to Cori
- More info on building for Perlmutter GPU
 - <https://docs.nersc.gov/systems/perlmutter/#compilingbuilding-software>
- More info on porting and optimizing for GPU on Perlmutter

Readiness page

- <https://docs.nersc.gov/performance/readiness/>
- Basic GPU concepts and programming considerations, programming models, running jobs, machine learning applications, libraries, profiling tools, IO, case studies, ...



Running Jobs

Jobs at NERSC

- Most are parallel jobs (10s to 100,000+ cores)
- Also a number of “serial” jobs
 - Typically “pleasantly parallel” simulation or data analysis
- Production runs execute in batch mode
- Our batch scheduler is **SLURM**
- Typical run times are a few to 10s of hours
 - Limits are necessary because of MTBF and the need to accommodate 7,000 users’ jobs

Login Nodes and Compute Nodes

- Login nodes (external)
 - Edit files, compile codes, submit batch jobs, etc.
 - Run short, serial utilities and applications
 - Cori has Haswell login nodes
- Compute nodes
 - Execute your application
 - Dedicated resources for your job
 - Cori has Haswell and KNL compute nodes
 - Binaries built for Haswell can run on KNL nodes, but not vice versa

Launching Parallel Jobs with Slurm

Login node:

- Submit batch jobs via sbatch or salloc
- Please do not issue “srun” from login nodes
- Do not run big executables on login nodes



Login Node

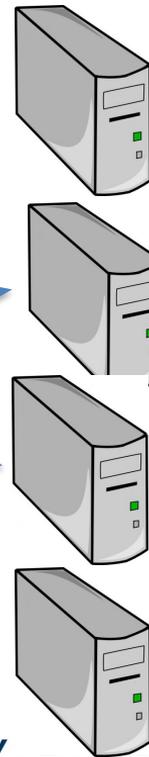
sbatch
or
salloc

Head Compute Node



srun

Other Compute Nodes allocated to the job



Head compute node:

- Runs commands in batch script
- Issues job launcher “srun” to start parallel jobs on all compute nodes (including itself)

My First “Hello World” Program

```
my_batch_script:

#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q debug
#SBATCH -N 2
#SBATCH -t 10:00
#SBATCH -C haswell
#SBATCH -L SCRATCH
#SBATCH -J myjob
srun -n 64 ./helloWorld
```

To run via batch queue

```
% sbatch my_batch_script
```

To run via interactive batch

```
% salloc -N 2 -q interactive -C haswell -t 10:00
```

```
<wait_for_session_prompt. Land on a compute node>
```

```
% srun -n 64 ./helloWorld
```

Sample Cori Haswell Batch Script - MPI

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -N 40
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00
#SBATCH -C haswell
#SBATCH -L SCRATCH
#SBATCH -J myjob

srun -n 1280 -c 2 --cpu_bind=cores ./mycode.exe
```

32 MPI tasks per node
in this example

- There are 64 logical CPUs (the number Slurm sees) on each node
- “-c” specifies #_logical_CPUs to be allocated to each MPI task
- --cpu-bind is critical especially when nodes are not fully occupied

Sample Cori Haswell Batch Script - Hybrid MPI/OpenMP

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -N 40
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00
#SBATCH -C haswell
```

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8
export OMP_PROC_BIND=true
export OMP_PLACES=threads
```

4 MPI tasks per node
in this example

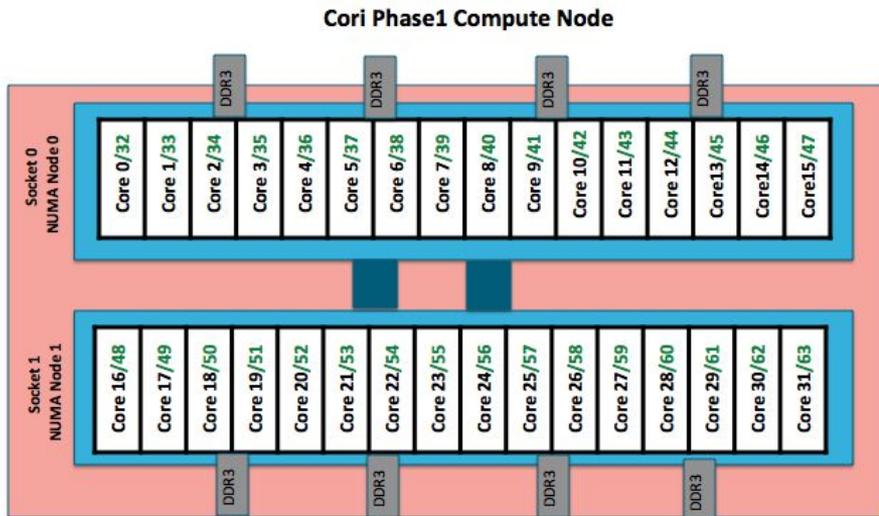
```
srun -n 160 -c 16 --cpu-bind=cores ./mycode.exe
```

- Set OMP_NUM_THREADS
- Use OpenMP standard settings for process and thread affinity
- Again, “-c” specifies #_logical_CPUs to be allocated to each MPI task
 - with 4 MPI tasks per node on Haswell, set 64 logical CPUs /4 =16 for “-c”
 - “-c” value should be >= OMP_NUM_THREADS

Process / Thread / Memory Affinity

- Correct process, thread and memory affinity is critical for getting optimal performance on Cori Haswell and KNL
 - Process Affinity: bind MPI tasks to CPUs
 - Thread Affinity: bind threads to CPUs allocated to its MPI process
 - Memory Affinity: allocate memory from specific NUMA domains
- **Both `-c xx` and `--cpu-bind=cores` are essential**, otherwise multiple processes may land on the same core, while other cores are idle, hurting performance badly
- Pay special attention on KNL, usually we waste (or aside for OS) 4 cores on purpose, to allow number of logical cores distributed evenly for each MPI rank
- <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/affinity/>

Cori Haswell Compute Nodes



To obtain processor info:

Get on a compute node:
`% salloc -N 1 -C ...`

Then:
`% numactl -H`
or `% cat /proc/cpuinfo`
or `% hwloc-ls`

- Each Cori Haswell node has 2 Intel Xeon 16-core Haswell processors
 - 2 NUMA domains (sockets) per node, 16 cores per NUMA domain. 2 hardware threads per physical core.
 - NUMA Domain 0: physical cores 0-15 (and logical cores 32-47)
NUMA Domain 1: physical cores 16-31 (and logical cores 48-63)
- Memory bandwidth is non-homogeneous among NUMA domains

Cori KNL Example Compute Nodes

- A Cori KNL node has 68 cores/272 CPUs, 96 GB DDR memory, 16 GB high bandwidth on package memory (MCDRAM)
- Default mode is: quad, cache

Arrangement of Hardware Threads for 68 Core KNL

Core #	0	1	2	3	...	16	17	18	...	33	34	35	...	50	51	52	...	65	66	67
HW Thread #	0	1	2	3	...	16	17	18	...	33	34	35	...	50	51	52	...	65	66	67
	68	69	70	71	...	84	85	86	...	101	102	103	...	118	119	120	...	133	134	135
	136	137	138	139	...	152	153	154	...	169	170	171	...	186	187	188	...	201	202	203
	204	205	206	207	...	220	221	222	...	237	238	239	...	254	255	256	...	269	270	271

- A quad,cache node (default setting) has only 1 NUMA node with all CPUs on the NUMA node 0 (DDR memory). MCDRAM is hidden from the “numactl -H” result since it is a cache.

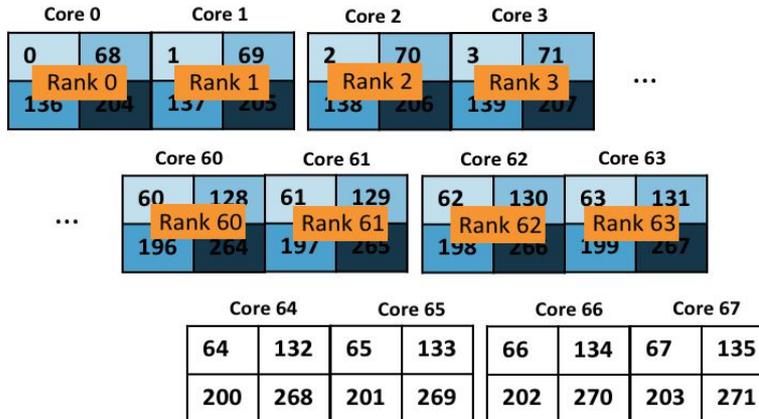
Sample Job Script to Run on KNL Nodes

Sample Job script (MPI+OpenMP)

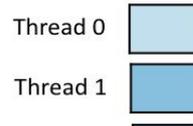
```
#!/bin/bash -l
#SBATCH -N 2
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00
#SBATCH -L SCRATCH
#SBATCH -C knl,quad,cache

export OMP_PROC_BIND=true
export OMP_PLACES=threads
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
srun -n 128 -c 4 --cpu bind=cores /a.out
```

Process and thread affinity



With the above two OpenMP envs, each thread is now pinned to a single CPU within each core



- Again, specify #_logical_CPUs to be allocated to each MPI task
 - with 64 MPI tasks per node on KNL, set 256 logical CPUs /64 =4 for "-c"

Use salloc to Run Debug and Interactive Jobs

- You can run small parallel jobs interactively on dedicated nodes
- Debug
 - Max 512 nodes, up to 30 min
 - `% salloc -N 20 -q debug -C haswell -t 30:00`
- Interactive (**highly recommend to use this!!**)
 - **Instant allocation (get nodes in 6 min or reject)**
 - Max walltime 4 hrs, up to 64 nodes total on Cori per project
 - `% salloc -N 2 -q interactive -C knl -t 2:00:00`
 - More information (such as how to find out who in your project is using)
 - <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#interactive>
 - <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/interactive/>

Use “shared” QOS to Run Serial Jobs

- The “shared” QOS allows multiple executables from different users to share a node
- Each serial job run on a single physical core of a “shared” node
- Up to 32 (Cori Haswell) jobs from different users depending on their memory requirements

```
#SBATCH -q shared
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00
#SBATCH --mem=4GB
#SBATCH -C haswell
#SBATCH -J my_job
./mycode.x
```

- Only available on Cori Haswell, charged by a fraction of a node used
- <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/best-practices/#serial-jobs>

Bundle Jobs

Multiple Jobs Sequentially:

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -N 100
#SBATCH -t 12:00:00
#SBATCH -J my_job
#SBATCH -o my_job.o%j
#SBATCH -L project,SCRATCH
#SBATCH -C haswell

srun -n 3200 ./a.out
srun -n 3200 ./b.out
srun -n 3200 ./c.out
```

Multiple Jobs Simultaneously:

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -N 9
#SBATCH -t 12:00:00
#SBATCH -J my_job
#SBATCH -o my_job.o%j
#SBATCH -L project
#SBATCH -C haswell

srun -n 44 -N 2 -c2 --cpu-bind=cores ./a.out &
srun -n 108 -N 5 -c2 --cpu-bind=cores ./b.out &
srun -n 40 -N 2 -c2 --cpu-bind=cores ./c.out &
wait
```

- Request largest number of nodes needed
- <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#multiple-parallel-jobs-sequentially>

- Request total number of nodes needed
- No applications are shared on the same nodes
- Make sure to use “&” (otherwise run in sequential) and “wait” (otherwise job exit immediately)
- <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#multiple-parallel-jobs-simultaneously>

Dependency Jobs

```
cori% sbatch job1  
Submitted batch job 1655447
```

```
cori06% sbatch --dependency=afterok:5547 job2  
or  
cori06% sbatch --dependency=afterany:5547 job2
```

<https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#dependencies>

```
cori06% sbatch job1  
submitted batch job 1655447
```

```
cori06% cat job2  
#!/bin/bash  
#SBATCH -q regular  
#SBATCH -N 1  
#SBATCH -t 1:30:00  
#SBATCH -d afterok:1655447  
#SBATCH -C haswell  
srun -n 16 -c 4 ./a.out
```

```
cori06% sbatch job2
```

Job Arrays

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00
#SSBATCH --array=1-10
#SBATCH -L SCRATCH
#SBATCH -C haswell

cd test_ $\$$ SLURM_ARRAY_JOB_ID
srun ./mycode.exe
```

- Better managing jobs, not necessary faster turnaround
- Each array task is considered a single job for scheduling
- Use $\$$ SLURM_ARRAY_JOB_ID for each individual array task

<https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#job-arrays>

Use Workflow Management Tools

- These tools can help data-centric science to automate moving data, multi-step processing, and visualization at scales.
- **Please do not do below!**

```
for i = 1, 10000  
    srun -n 1 ./a.out
```

It is inefficient and overwhelms Slurm scheduler

- Available workflow tools include: GNU parallel, Taskfarmer, Fireworks, Nextflow, Papermill, etc.
- One usage case is to pack large number of serial jobs into one script
- <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/workflow-tools/>

GNU Parallel Is Better Than Shared QOS

```
elvis@cori07:~> module load parallel

elvis@cori07:~> seq 1 5 | parallel -j 2 'echo \
> "Hello world {}!"; sleep 10; date'
Hello world 1!
Thu Jun 11 00:21:00 PDT 2020
Hello world 2!
Thu Jun 11 00:21:00 PDT 2020
Hello world 3!
Thu Jun 11 00:21:10 PDT 2020
Hello world 4!
Thu Jun 11 00:21:10 PDT 2020
Hello world 5!
Thu Jun 11 00:21:20 PDT 2020
elvis@cori07:~>
```

- Packed jobs have massively reduced total queue wait
 - Can also pack single-node tasks into multiple node jobs
- No risk of Slurm overload
- Run combinations of tasks in parallel and sequence
- Easy input substitution
 - If you need it, *much* more power is available
- Superior to task arrays, too
- <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/workflow/gnuparallel/>

NERSC Job Script Generator

https://my.nersc.gov/script_generator.php

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Jobs

Jobsript Generator

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Job Information

This tool generates a batch script template which also realizes specific process and thread binding configurations.

Machine
Select the machine on which you want to submit your job.
Cori - KNL

Application Name
Specify your application including the full path.
myapp.x

Job Name
Specify a name for your job.

Email Address
Specify your email address to get notified when the job enters a certain state.

Wallclock Time
Specify the duration of the job.
2 hours 30 minutes 0 seconds

Quality of Service
Select the QoS you request for your job.

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -N 150
#SBATCH -C knl
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -t 02:30:00

#OpenMP settings:
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8
export OMP_PLACES=threads
export OMP_PROC_BIND=spread

#run the application:
srun -n 1200 -c 32 --cpu_bind=cores myapp.x
```

Monitoring Your Jobs

- Jobs are waiting in the queue until resources are available
- Overall job priorities are a combination of QOS, queue wait time, job size, wall time request, etc.
- You can monitor with
 - **squeue**: Slurm native command
 - **sqs**: NERSC custom wrapper script
 - **sacct**: Query Completed and Pending Jobs
 - <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/monitoring/>
- On the web
 - <https://my.nersc.gov>
 - Cori Queues, Queue backlogs, Queue Wait Times (statistics data)
 - <https://www.nersc.gov/users/live-status/> □ Queue Look
 - <https://iris.nersc.gov> the “Jobs” tab

Cori Haswell Queue Policy (as of June 2022)

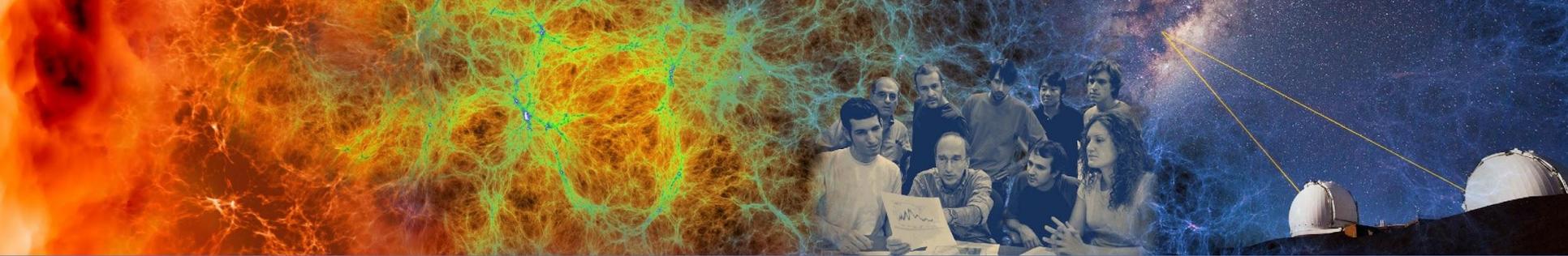
QOS	Max nodes	Max time (hrs)	Submit limit	Run limit	Priority	QOS Factor
regular	512/1932 ²	48	5000	-	4	1
shared ³	0.5	48	10000	-	4	1
interactive	64 ⁴	4	2	2	-	1
debug	64	0.5	5	2	3	1
premium	1772	48	5	-	2	2 -> 4 ⁵
flex	64	48	5000	-	6	0.5
overrun	1772	4	5000	-	5	0
xfer	1 (login)	48	100	15	-	-
bigmem	1 (login)	72	100	1	-	1
realtime	custom	custom	custom	custom	1	custom
compile	1 (login)	24	5000	2	-	-

Tips for Getting Better Throughput

- Line jumping is allowed, but it may cost more (“premium” QOS)
- **Submit shorter jobs**, they are easier to schedule
 - Checkpoint to break up long jobs, use variable time and “flex” QOS
 - Short jobs can take advantage of ‘**backfill**’ opportunities
- Make sure the wall clock time you request is accurate
 - Larger shorter jobs are easier to schedule than long smaller jobs
 - Many users unnecessarily request the largest wall clock time possible as default
- Check queue backlogs and queue wait times
 - <https://my.nersc.gov/backlog.php>
 - <https://my.nersc.gov/queuwaittimes.php>

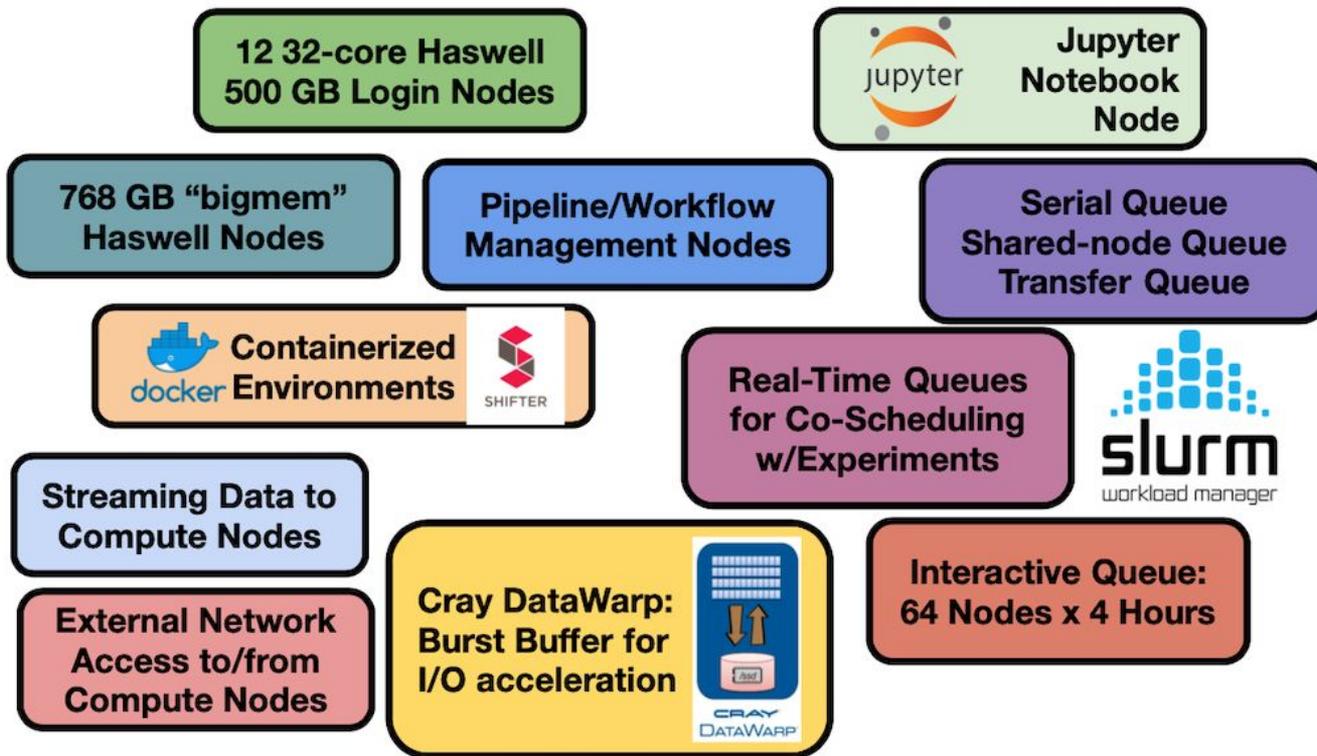
Running Jobs Considerations

- Running jobs on Perlmutter and instructions are still evolving
 - Running on CPU is similar to running on Cori Haswell
 - More examples for Running on GPU:
<https://docs.nersc.gov/systems/perlmutter/running-jobs/>
- Remember to compile separately for each type of compute nodes
- **Running jobs from global homes (\$HOME) is strongly discouraged**
 - IO is not optimized
 - The global homes file system access on compute nodes is much slower than from \$SCRATCH
 - It may also cause negative impact for other users interactive response on the system
- Consider to use shifter for large jobs using shared libraries



Data Analytics Software and Services

Cori's Data Friendly Features



Production Data Software Stack

Capabilities	Technologies
Data Transfer + Access	     
Workflows	    
Data Management	     
Data Analytics	        
Data Visualization	 

Data Analytic Software Services

- Globus Online
- Science Gateways
- Databases
- Shifter
- Python
- Jupyter
- Machine Learning / Deep Learning
- Workflows
- And more ...

Globus Online: Move Data

- <https://www.globus.org> <https://docs.nersc.gov/services/globus/>
- The recommended tool for moving data in&out of NERSC
 - Reliable & easy-to-use web-based service:
 - Automatic retries
 - Email notification of success or failure
 - NERSC managed endpoints for optimized data transfers
 - [NERSC DTN \(dedicated data transfer system\)](#), [NERSC Cori](#), [NERSC Perlmutter](#), [NERSC HPSS](#), etc.
 - Other Center has endpoints
 - Setup [Globus Connect Personal](#) to ease transfer between local system (such as laptop) and NERSC systems

Globus File Transfer Example

File Manager

Collection: NERSC DTN

Path: /~/GPU_Feb2020/

Start

Transfer & Sync Options

Start

Share

Transfer or Sync to...

New Folder

Rename

Delete Selected

Download

Open

Upload

Get Link

Please authenticate to access OLCF DTN

When you press the "CONTINUE" button below you will be redirected to the collection's login page. After logging in, you will be returned here.

Continue

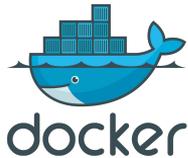
Data Transfer General Tips

- Use Globus Online for large, automated or monitored transfers
- cp, scp, or rsync is fine for smaller, one-time transfers (<100 MB)
 - But note that Globus is also fine for small transfers
- Use **give-and-take** to share files between NERSC users
 - % give -u <receiving_user> <file or directory>
 - % take -u <sending_user> <filename>

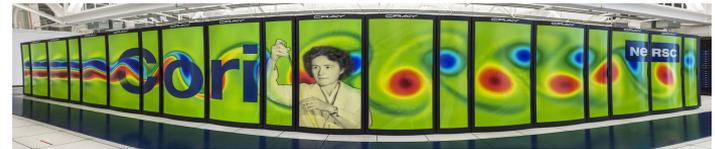
Access for External Collaborators

- Web Portals
 - NERSC supports project-level public http access
 - Project specific area can be created:
/global/cfs/cdirs/<your_project>/www
 - These are available for public access under the URL:
http://portal.nersc.gov/cfs/<your_project>
 - Each repo has a /project space, can publish as above
- Special **Science Gateways** can be created.
 - Sophisticated ones can be made with SPIN
<https://docs.nersc.gov/services/spin/>
<https://www.nersc.gov/users/training/spin/> (SPIN workshop required)
 - Details at: <https://docs.nersc.gov/services/science-gateways/>

- NERSC R&D effort, in collaboration with Cray, to support Docker Application images
- “Docker-like” functionality on the Cray and HPC Linux clusters. Enables users to run custom environments on HPC systems.
- Addresses security issues in a robust way
- Efficient job-start & Native application performance



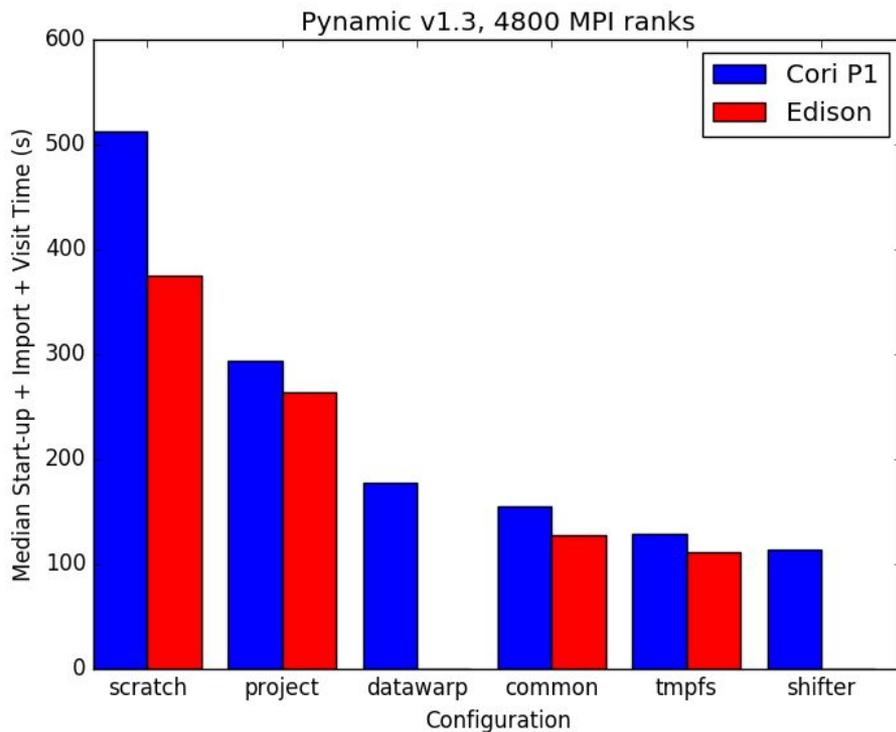
SHIFTER



<https://docs.nersc.gov/development/shifter/how-to-use/>

<https://docs.nersc.gov/development/shifter/gpus/>

Shifter Accelerates Python Applications



Create an Image with Docker



```
FROM ubuntu:14.04
MAINTAINER Shane Canon scanon@lbl.gov
# Update packages and install dependencies
RUN apt-get update -y && \
    apt-get install -y build-essential

# Copy in the application
ADD . /myapp
# Build it
RUN cd /myapp && \
    make && make install
```

Dockerfile

```
laptop> docker build -t scanon/myapp:1.1 .
laptop> docker push scanon/myapp:1.1
```

Use the Image with Shifter

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -N 16 -t 20
#SBATCH --image=scanon/myapp:1.1

module load shifter
export TMPDIR=/mnt
srun -n 16 shifter /myapp/app
```

Submit script
job.sl

```
cori> shifterimg pull scanon/myapp:1.1
cori> sbatch ./job.sl
```

Python

- Extremely popular interpreted language, continuing to grow
- Libraries like NumPy, SciPy, scikit-learn commonly used for scientific analysis
- Are used for ML/DL
- Python is fully supported at NERSC - we use [Anaconda Python](#) to provide pre-built environments and the ability for users to create their own environments
- Guide to use Python on Perlmutter:
 - <https://docs.nersc.gov/development/languages/python/using-python-perlmutter>
- **Do not use /usr/bin/python**, instead:
`module load python`
which already includes basic packages: numpy, scipy, mpi4py

Make Your Own Python Conda Environment

- To make a custom env

```
module load python
```

```
conda create -n myenv python=3.9
```

```
conda activate myenv
```

```
conda (or pip) install your_custom_packages
```

```
###import antigravity
```

```
conda deactivate myenv
```

<https://docs.nersc.gov/development/languages/python/#how-to-run-python-jobs-at-nersc>

Options to Run Python Code in Parallel

<https://docs.nersc.gov/development/languages/python/parallel-python/#how-to-use-parallelism-in-python>

- Multiprocessing, PyOMP
 - **Single node only**, process parallelism via a pool of workers
- Dask
 - **Single or many nodes**, framework to create a group of workers that execute tasks coordinated by a scheduler, nice visualization tools
- mpi4py
 - **Single or many nodes**, best performance when used together with a container (Docker/Shifter)
 - Do not pip install mpi4py or conda install mpi4py, follow instructions at <https://docs.nersc.gov/development/languages/python/parallel-python/#using-mpi4py-in-a-shifter-container>

What is Jupyter?



Interactive open-source web application

Allows you to create and share documents, “notebooks,” containing:

Live code

Equations

Visualizations

Narrative text

Interactive widgets

<https://docs.nersc.gov/services/jupyter/>

Things you can use Jupyter notebooks for:

Data cleaning and data transformation

Numerical simulation

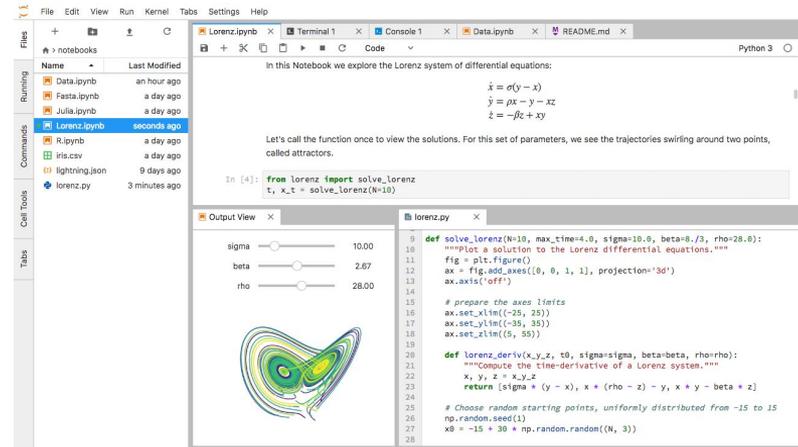
Statistical modeling

Data visualization

Machine learning

Workflows and analytics frameworks

Training and Tutorials



Available Jupyter Kernels

The screenshot shows the JupyterLab interface at the URL `jupyter.nersc.gov/user/yunhe/cori-shared-node-cpu/lab`. The interface includes a file browser on the left with a search bar and a list of files and folders. The main area displays a grid of kernel icons under the heading "global/homes/y/yunhe". The kernels are organized into sections: "Notebook" and "Console".

Kernel Name	Kernel Name	Kernel Name	Kernel Name	Kernel Name	Kernel Name	Kernel Name
NERSC Python	deeplearning (edison)	ipykernel	Julia 1.4.2	Julia 1.6.5	Julia 1.7.2	Julia 1.8.0-beta1
myenv	myenv-jupyter	myenv-jupyter2	nersc-dask-example	PyROOT	PyROOT - Python3	pytorch-1.7.1
pytorch-v1.4.0	R	tensorflow-v1.15.0-cpu	tensorflow-v2.0.0-cpu	tensorflow-v2.2.0-cpu		
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Your own custom kernels

And many NERSC provided kernels: Python, Julia, ML/DL packages etc.

Your Own Custom Jupyter Kernel

Most common Jupyter question:

“How do I take a conda environment and use it from Jupyter?”

Several ways to accomplish this, here's the easy one.

```
$ module load python
$ conda create -n myenv python=3.9 ipykernel <more-packages-to-install>
$ conda activate myenv
(myenv) $ python -m ipykernel install --user --name myenv-jupyter
```

Point your browser to jupyter.nersc.gov.

(You may need to restart your notebook server via control panel).

Kernel “**myenv-jupyter**” should be present in the kernel list.

Additional Customization

edit:
\$HOME/.local/share/jupyter/kernels/myenv-jupyter/kernel.json

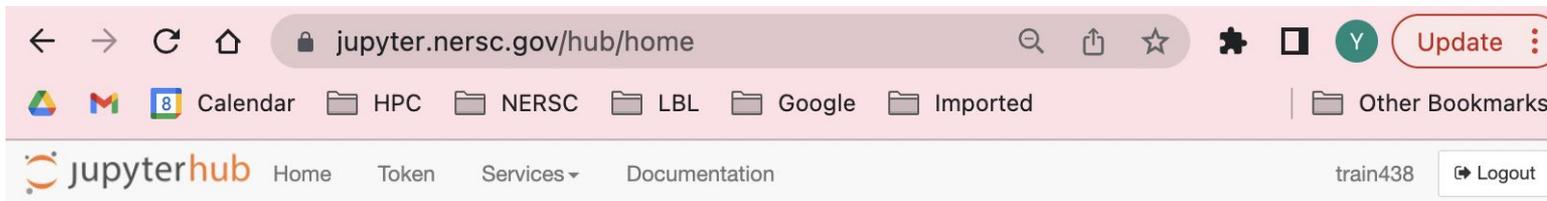
The helper script is the most flexible approach for NERSC users since it easily enables modules.

```
{  
  "argv": [  
    "/global/homes/y/yunhe/jupyter-helper.sh",  
    "python",  
    "-m",  
    "ipykernel_launcher",  
    "-f",  
    "{connection_file}"  
  ],  
  "display_name": "myenv-jupyter2",  
  "language": "python",  
}
```

Meanwhile, in `jupyter-helper.sh`:

```
#!/bin/bash  
export SOMETHING=123  
module load texlive  
exec python -m ipykernel "$@"
```

Available Notebook Servers



	Shared CPU Node	Exclusive GPU Node	Configurable GPU
Perlmutter	start	start	start
Cori	start		start
<i>Resources</i>	Use a node shared with other users' notebooks but outside the batch queues.	Use your own node within a job allocation using defaults.	Use multiple compute nodes with specialized settings.
<i>Use Cases</i>	Visualization and analytics that are not memory intensive and can run on just a few cores.	Visualization, analytics, machine learning that is compute or memory intensive but can be done on a single node.	Multi-node analytics jobs, jobs in reservations, custom project charging, and more.

Can request additional access for exclusive Cori CPU and shared Cori GPU nodes

NERSC Deep Learning Software Stack Overview

<https://docs.nersc.gov/machinelearning/>

Frameworks:

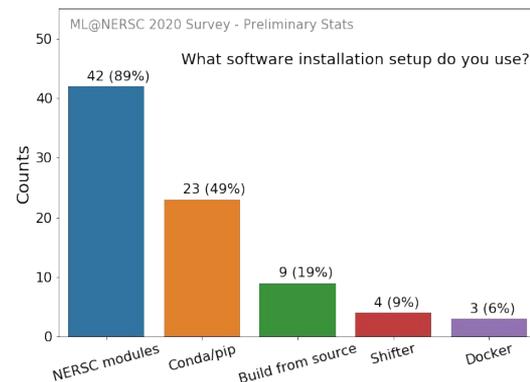
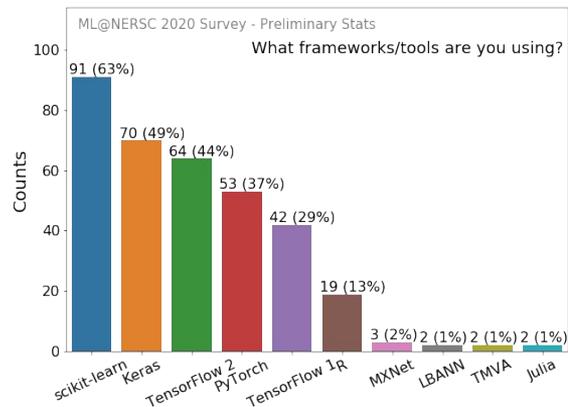


Distributed training libraries:

- Horovod
- PyTorch distributed
- Cray Plugin

Productive tools and services:

- Jupyter, Shifter



How to Use NERSC DL Software Stack

- We have modules you can load which contain python and DL libraries
 - `module load tensorflow/<version>`
 - `module load pytorch/<version>`
- You can install your own packages on top to customize
 - `pip install --user MY-PACKAGE`
- Or you can create your conda environments from scratch
 - `conda create -n my-env MY-PACKAGES`
- We also have pre-installed Jupyter kernels

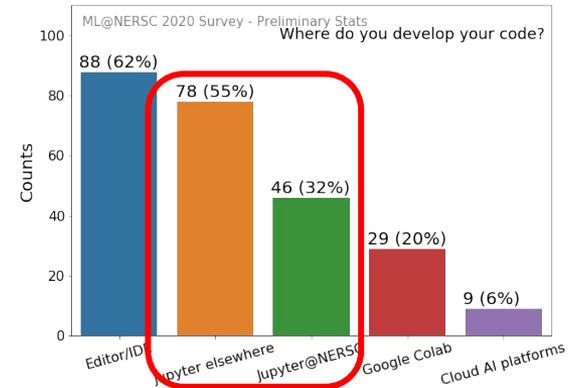
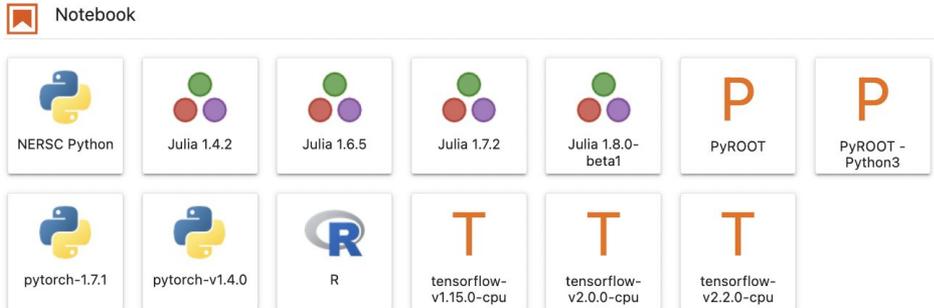
Jupyter for Deep Learning

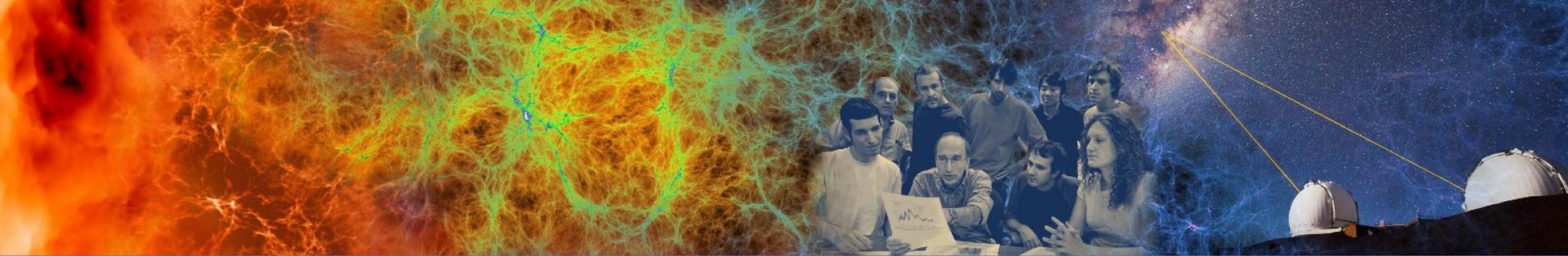
JupyterHub service provides a rich, interactive notebook ecosystem

- Very popular service with hundreds of users
- A favorite way for users to develop ML code

Users can run their deep learning workloads

- using our pre-installed DL software kernels
- [using user custom kernels](#)





Hands-on Exercises

Compiling and Running Jobs on Cori

- % ssh <user>@cori.nersc.gov
- % cd \$SCRATCH
- % git clone https://github.com/NERSC/intro-NERSC-resources.git
- % cd intro-NERSC-resources
- Follow
 - hello-exercise.README
 - matrix-example.README
 - xthi-exercise.README
- References
 - Running Jobs: <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/>
 - Interactive Jobs: <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#interactive>

Using Compute Node Reservations

- Existing NERSC users are added to “ntrain4” project
- Cori node reservations available from 2-3:30 pm today
- User reservations with `--reservation=xxx -A ntrain4`, where
 - xxx is “intro_hsw” or “intro_knl”



Thank You

